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Today's Weather.

Portland, Nov. 30.—Oregon and Washington Thursday, occasional rain.

THE MORNING ASTORIAN.

The Astorian has passed from the hands of its former owner, Mr. Samuel Elmore, into a new management. There will be no change in its policy politically, but an effort will be made to infuse new life into the enterprising citizens of the city, with the view of bringing the grand natural advantages of the city and county to the attention of the world. Public questions will be discussed with fairness; equal and exact justice will be meted out to one and all, and a newspaper that will reflect the sentiments of the people, conservative and dignified, will be the aim of the new management. It will be a family journal replete with the current news events; as complete a telegraphic service as will meet the wants and requirements of its patrons; social features will be added, an epitome of local happenings without comment, leaving the readers to judge of their intrinsic worth, will be the attractive features of The Astorian.

Established nearly 30 years ago, places it in the front ranks of Oregon journalism, not only as a purveyor of news, but as an advertising medium, reaching all classes and conditions of society. Its importance will be apparent. The reading public want a conservative news paper, the reliability of its news being paramount. Its columns will be open to the discussion of questions of public importance, eliminating personalities and taints of yellow journalism. A city of approximately 14,000 inhabitants should be willing to lend its moral and financial assistance to a newspaper published for the benefit of the community; the building up of its industries and the acquisition of capital and immigration. This, in brief, is an outline of the policy to be pursued, and strictly adhered to. A newspaper is a mirror reflecting the sentiments of the community in which it is published. To be successful it must have the co-operation of the business and social element, and the support of the commercial organizations. The Astorian is one of the oldest established daily papers in the state, and its influence for good will depend upon a wise and conservative policy, which will add materially in building up the city and county. Upon the prosperity of a city depends the success of a newspaper, and these interests will not be antagonized, but fostered and promoted.

The new management is in absolute control of The Astorian. Mr. Dellinger is well known all over the Pacific coast from Eureka, Cal., to Pocatella, Idaho, and the sound cities, where he has built up an extensive business, which is now transferred to The Astorian. To build up this business, with local business, will be the chief object of The Astorian. To make it a live local paper, alert to all the news, unhampered by any entangling alliances, with a view of making it a welcome visitor in every household, will be the incentive of The Morning Astorian.

LACK OF INTEREST.

The building up of a city like Astoria requires the united efforts of all peoples, aided and assisted by its commercial organizations. There seems to be an apathy existing among the leading citizens of the town as is evidenced by the small attendance at the meetings of the chamber of commerce. No commercial organization can be successful in its efforts unless it is backed up by the business men. Matters of vital importance often come before the meeting that require the careful consideration of the business element. There are many questions of public import requiring legislation at the hands of either the state legislature or congress and in order to present these matters in an intelligible manner, will require hearty co-operation. When a commercial organization of so much importance as the chamber of commerce meets and only finds three or four members present, it is not conducive to the progressiveness of the city. What Astoria is today, to a great extent, has been accomplished by the untiring efforts of the chamber of commerce. Its usefulness in securing needed appropriations for our water ways is manifest. Its cooperation with other commercial organizations in the state is necessary to build up the city, and secure capital to develop its resources. It is generally conceded that Clatsop county possesses unequalled advan-

tages for investment; that our dairy and lumber interests are yet in their infancy, and promises to be an important creator of wealth in the near future, if proper inducements are held out to investors. These inducements can be promulgated by commercial organizations only, as they are the source from whom intending investors seek information.

The laxity of interest in the meetings of these organizations is apparent, and it may be necessary to hold a series of revival meetings to secure the interest necessary for the promulgation of many needed improvements and the acquisition of investment by outside capital. The membership of the chamber of commerce is large, but no one would believe it by the attendance. These meetings are for the public and should be participated in by the public for mutual improvement, discussion of important subjects tending to a development or our resources and it is to be hoped that the business men of Astoria can afford to take one night off in two weeks to attend to business of the city and county, that at the present time needs careful consideration.

ADJUSTMENT OF DIFFERENCES.

There is a prospect of a mutual agreement between the forces of prohibition, and the saloon element in Oregon. The result of the recent election is evidence of the fact, that the people of Oregon are not in favor of stringent prohibitory laws. Radical measures may win on the impulse of the moment, but when the people study the effect and conditions, a more conservative policy prevails. A circular letter has been issued by the Brewers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of the state, addressed to the various mayors and public officials of Oregon. Mayor Suprenant received one yesterday, of which the following is a copy.

Now that the tumult of the prohibition elections has died away, and the purport of the local option law passed last June is beginning to be understood, there is forming in this state a strong sentiment in favor of amending the law that municipalities shall have more complete control over the liquor traffic and its revenues within their corporate limits, than is allowed by the present law.

The leading local optionists, themselves, now advocate the amendment of the law so that prohibition elections shall be held under it by precincts instead of by counties.

There is, perhaps, no commercial interest in Oregon which is so heartily in favor of a genuine and enforceable local option law as the heavy interest represented by this association. There are many trade reasons why this is so, and we are anxious to co-operate with the local option forces who are now advocating some amendment of this little understood law.

I desire, therefore, to ask you at this time if you believe that an amendment of the present law, which would provide for elections by precincts instead of counties, would be satisfactory. This amendment would include, of course, a provision for the following sample difficulty:

One of the precincts in the city of Hood River extends several miles beyond the city limits into the country. The amendment would provide that in such cases, the precinct should be divided into two by the city boundary line. This would always give the people of municipalities entire control over matters within their city.

There are a great many things to be considered in the making of a satisfactory law, and we will greatly appreciate it if you will communicate with us in this regard at your earliest convenience. In order that time may be had in which to prepare for the consideration of the next legislature, an amendment which will be fair to all, which can be effectively enforced and which will not continually threaten to revolutionize the revenues of many cities in Oregon.

That the liquor traffic should be restricted admits of no doubt, and if the prohibitionists can agree upon a solution of the question that will place the traffic within the control of municipal corporations, it will no doubt meet with the approval of the conservative and law abiding element of the state. That more restrictions are required is self-evident, but to prohibit the sale, as long as it is manufactured, is a task that cannot be accomplished in this age and generation. Local option in its truest sense is the balance wheel for the regulation of the traffic, and when such laws are passed, with the equities equal, no one can object. A large majority of the American people are opposed to the liquor traffic, but are compelled to tolerate it as a necessary evil. That the question can be satisfactorily adjusted at the next session of the legislature seems to have taken definite shape, and when it is adjusted the question will be removed from the turmoil of political strife.

Over in New Jersey they evidently believe a parent has some responsibility in regard to truant scholars, and that the burden of making them stop "playing hooky" and going to school is not all on the state. In Jersey City a father has just been committed to the county jail for thirty days for not compelling his son to go to school. The boy, who is 11 years old, has been arrested many times for truancy. And now it's "up to the old man," as the young hopeless would probably say.

THE STOLEN GOLD FOUND

New Developments in Weber Murder at Auburn.

MORE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE

The \$5000 Stolen From the Placer County Bank Found by the Coroner on Weber Property in a Cowshed.

Auburn, Nov. 30.—The money stolen from the Placer county bank by a masked bandit last May has been found and young Adolph Weber, who since his arrest on the charge of murdering his father, mother, sister and brother, has rested under the suspicion that he was the bold highwayman, who in broad daylight entered the bank and at the point of a pistol held up the cashier for \$5000, has had the charge of robbery preferred against him. The money was found on the Weber property in a cowshed last Wednesday by Coroner Shepherd and three assistants. The discovery of the gold on the Weber homestead, in a place not many feet removed from the spot where was found the bloody pistol with which young Weber is supposed to have dealt death to his parents, his schoolgirl sister and crippled brother, is regarded as almost proof conclusive that the prisoner's lust for gold drove him to commit the two crimes, one foul and fiendish, the other bold and daring.

Immediately after the gold was found the bank officials were informed. The fact that it was found on the Weber estate caused them to form but one conclusion—that Adolph Weber, as they had long suspected, was the thief. Cashier Smith swore to a complaint charging Weber with the crime of robbery and a warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Smith. It was served on Weber in his cell yesterday morning.

The serving of the warrant, in the eyes of the officers and the bank officials, was more than a formal affair. With them it was the completion of a chain of evidence that branded Weber not only as a thief but as a foul and fiendish murderer, a creature capable of dyeing his hands in the blood of his kin to satisfy his love for gold. They expected that Weber would show some sign that the mass of evidence against him was having an effect upon his iron will, that he would weaken and betray his inmost feelings, and it was even expected that the youth might give up the hard struggle he is making against circumstances and confess his guilt.

But they were disappointed. When Sheriff Keena stepped into the cell of the accused and unfolded the imposing document that charged the boy with robbery, young Weber displayed only curiosity. As the sheriff read aloud the accusing words Weber's eyes glittered. Then he smiled, the same contemptuous smile that he has worn at all times since his arrest.

"Oh," he said, "I thought you had discovered the motive for the murders." There was not a tremor in his voice and when he took the warrant from the sheriff his hand was steady. Hastily he glanced at the paper and then with a shrug said:

"This is a trivial matter. It does not amount to anything. I hope the murder charge will be heard first. I want to get it off my hands."

It is suggested in some quarters that the house committee on ways and means, in the event of the opening up of tariff agitation, authorizes a subcommittee, composed of able lawyers to examine and cross-examine tariff revisionists. When the hearings are held the tariff could be taken up schedule by schedule, and a request made of representative men from all parts of the country who favor a reduction to submit their side of the case. They should show beyond question where a modification of the schedule under discussion would be an advantage. Facts, and facts only, should be considered, and glittering generalities, stump speeches, supposedly popular clamor and what "they say" should be rigidly excluded in trying to arrive at a sound, businesslike decision on a clear-cut business proposition. Some of the "stand-patters" believe in letting well enough alone, but they frankly admit that there may be schedules in which the conditions now existing might warrant a change. They point out, however, that in the past other countries have taken advantage of this government's reduction of import duties by raising export duties, and declares that the lessons learned in connection with wood pulp, coffee and other commodities were exceedingly valuable, though decidedly expensive.

Civil Service Extension.

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—News has been received from Washington that special deputy collectors at this port have been placed on the civil service list. The only one so far affected on this coast is William B. Hamilton, the special deputy under Mr. Stratton.

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Seattle Post Intelligencer—A telegram from Dawson received in this city by a client of John P. Hartman describes conditions existing in the interior, between Dawson and Fairbanks, the leading camp of the Tanana region. The message reads as follows:

"This is the first definite announcement of the completion of the road between Dawson and Fairbanks. With the opening of this highway through to the Tanana metropolis, the time from Skagway has been shortened to ten days, twelve being the time heretofore consumed in ordinary travel. This is very good time for the distance covered, which embraces 455 miles from Dawson to Fairbanks.

"The road runs almost its entire length from Circle to Fairbanks through heavy timber, and is thus protected from the winds which sweep through the region at this season of the year, and possesses the advantage of being at no point at a greater elevation than 800 feet. From Dawson to Eagle, 105 miles, the road follows the river bank. From Eagle to Circle City, approximately 200 miles, the course is also along the river bank. Branching off at Circle, it winds through the timber, which densely covers the region, for 108 miles, ending at Fairbanks.

The rate of \$150 which is mentioned as the present passenger rate is not thought likely to prevail for any great length of time, as many owners of horses, of which there are almost unlimited numbers, are in the business, and are in a position to cut that high price to a very low figure.

Another factor which will figure in the cutting of the charges is the number of roadhouses which line the road at intervals of from twelve to fifteen miles, making the trip far from hazardous even for travelers without a guide. With the completion of the road through to the Tanana camp, it is expected a slump will come in the price of staples at Fairbanks, which is now very high.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroads New Through Service.

Effective November 27th, 1904, and thereafter, a new daily train will be inaugurated, leaving Grand Central passenger station, Chicago, at 10:30 P. M., for Akron, Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburg and intermediate points, connecting at Pittsburg with "Duquesne Limited" for Philadelphia and New York, and with train No. 10 for Washington, D. C. and Baltimore.

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For further particulars address Peter Harvey, General Agent, Room 1, Hobart Bldg., San Francisco, D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic Baltimore, Md. B. N. Austin, General Passenger Agent Chicago.

NELLIE BLY'S LATEST.

She of Cherry Pie Fame Is Out for Seaman's Plums.

New York, Nov. 30.—The heirs and executors of the late Robert Seaman are arranging a legal battle against Mrs. Seaman, formerly known as Nellie Bly, to keep the fortune of \$1,000,000, or more, that was her husband's estate. There are two wills, one leaving Mrs. Seaman only \$500, and the other giving her almost all of the great estate. These two wills are to be made the basis of a fight between Mrs. Seaman and other contestants.

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